

REMARKS

Double Patenting

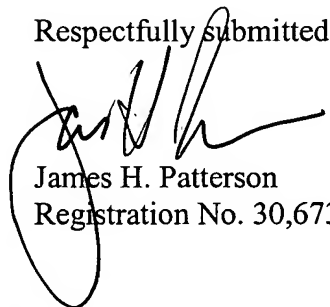
Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-14, and 16-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4, and 6-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,544 B1. Responsive to the noted rejection, a terminal disclaimer is attached hereto.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-14, and 16-21 are pending. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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